

REMARKS

In this paper, claims 10, 12 and 44 are currently amended, and claims 51-53 have been added. After entry of the above amendment, claims 10, 12-14, 16-19, 22-24 26-48 and 50-53 are pending, and claims 1-9, 11, 15, 20-21, 25 and 49 have been canceled.

The applicant appreciates the allowance of claims 16, 17, 19, 26-28, 30-43, 47 and 48.

Claims 10, 12-14, 18, 22-24, 29, 44-46 and 50 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112 as being indefinite. Claims 10, 12 and 44 have been amended to overcome the objections noted by the examiner.

Claims 10, 14 and 18 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by Swensen (US 3,184,993). This basis for rejection is respectfully traversed.

Claim 10 has been amended to clarify that the motor mounting bracket portion has a mounting opening for attaching a motor. Swensen discloses a derailleur guard (2) with a side portion (5) for protecting a derailleur (A). Insofar as the side portion (5) is interpreted to be a motor mounting bracket portion, it does not include a motor mounting opening. Swensen neither discloses nor suggests the presently claimed subject matter.

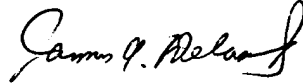
New claims 51-53 are similar to claims 10, 14 and 18, respectively, but claim 51 adds the feature that, when the bracket is mounted to the bicycle, the transition bracket portion extends forwardly and upwardly from the rear frame mounting bracket portion along the side of a rear wheel. This feature is neither disclosed nor suggested by Swensen.

Accordingly, it is believed that the rejections under 35 U.S.C. §102 and §112 have been overcome by the foregoing amendment and remarks, and it is submitted that the claims are in condition for allowance. Reconsideration of this application as amended is respectfully requested. Allowance of all claims is earnestly solicited.

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